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October 25

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QUOTE Bear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of October 24, and I regret very much that you still do not appear to understand what it is that has moved us in this matter.

The sequence of events is clear. In August there were reports of important skipments of military equipment and technicians from the Soviet Union to Cube. In sarly September I indicated very plainly that the United States would report any shipment of offensive RK measons as one-senting the gravest issues. After that time, this Government received the most explicit ascurances from your

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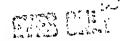
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Government and its representatives, both publicly and privately, that no offensive weapons were being sent to Cuba. If you will see review the statement issued by Tass in September, you will/wixhow clearly this assurance was given.

In reliance on these MNN solemn assurances I wrged restraint upon those in this country who were urging action in this matter at that time. And then I learned beyond doubt what you have not denied - namely, that all these public manner assurances were false and that your military people had set out recently to establish a set of MINI missile MN bases in Cuba. I ask you to recognize clearly, Mr. Chairman, that it was not I who issued the first NUMBEREDE challenge in this case, and that in the light of this record these activities in Cuba required the responses I have announced.

I repeat my regret that these WHEH events should cause a deterioration a in our relations. I hope that your Government will take the necessary action to permit a restoration of the earlier situation.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN F. KENNEDY UNQUOTE

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